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Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering

Goal \$375,000

New Missions	\$124,000
Central Hills Operation	80,000
Garaywa Operation	60,000
Disaster Relief Ministry	35,000
Special Ministries	4,100
National Baptists	1,300
Indians	2,800
Parchman Ministry	20,000
Garaywa Improvement	20,000
Church Building Aid	13,000
Pastoral Aid	10,000
Mission Awareness	8,900

Seven resolutions

Commission asks Draper to name peace committee

The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission meeting in Jackson last week called on Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Draper to appoint a committee to report to the 1983 SBC meeting in Pittsburgh "on ways and means by which Southern Baptists can contribute to the cause of World Peace."

This was one of seven resolutions the commission passed during the meeting in which commissioners approved two special consultants.

The consultants will be on call for church and associational conferences. Sandy Jones, wife of Paul Griffin Jones II, executive director of the commission, was approved to work in family relations. Jones noted that she would be working with him in marriage enrichment conferences and that her working with the commission was agreed on when he was elected as director. There will be no non-honorarys involved in Mrs. Jones' work, Jones said.

The other consultant will be John Stone, retired city attorney for Jackson. He will be available to help Baptists in the area of legislative affairs.

Commissioners passed resolutions opposing President Ronald Reagan's tuition tax credit proposal, encouraging better racial understanding among Southern and National Baptist congregations, opposing gambling, affirming "responsibility of Christians for those who are needy," encouraging Baptist participation in world hunger projects, and in appreciation of officials involved in multilateral arms control efforts.

Full texts of the resolutions are available from the Christian Action Commission.

Also, the commission discussed updating many of its printed materials and announced the publication of "The Bible Speaks on Sex, Love, and Marriage," written by Paul Jones and published by Broadman Press. Jones noted that a two hour followup to the book is available on videotape.

Jones, in his first commission address as executive director, said that in the future, the commission would be considering adding personnel between 1985 and the year 2000 in the areas of family ministries, legislation, race relations, and associational relationships.

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted last week to present a 1983 Cooperative Program budget of \$15,071,000 to messengers of the 1982 Mississippi Baptist Convention and they voted to authorize Board executive secretary Earl Kelly to sign the final papers merging Clarke College with Mississippi College.

The 1980 MBC voted to merge the two schools and paperwork is now ready for the executive secretary's signature. Mississippi College has already taken over basic administrative functions of Clarke.

During discussion at the meeting last week, former Clarke College President Lowrey Compere asked if the

board had authority to sign the final papers or did the documents need approval of the convention as a whole. Board President Charles Pickering, an attorney, said that legally he believed the board had the authority. Compere then suggested that he did not want to approve of anything he hadn't read. Kelly declared that he would not sign if there was anything in the papers that he did not understand.

By standing vote the board approved Kelly's signing.

In the budget discussion, it was noted that the \$15,071,000 includes a basic budget of \$14,571,000 and an advance portion of \$500,000.

This \$15 million budget is the amount estimated by the board to be given by Mississippi Baptist churches in 1983 to the Cooperative Program. Convention messengers meeting in Jackson, Nov. 15-17 must approve the budget before it becomes official.

All agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention propose their 1983 needs to the Budget and Cooperative Program Promotion Committee which presents the budget to the full convention board. This year's committee consisted of Joe McKeever (chairman, Ingram Foster, R. J.

Reynolds, Hueston Adkins, Marvin Bond, and Bartis Harper.

A copy of the proposed budget is on page two.

A total of 34.5 percent of the budget will go directly to Southern Baptist Convention causes. This is a one half percent rise over 1982, continuing a pattern established in 1974. The rest will go to MBC agencies.

Christian education in Mississippi will get 20.9 percent of the total budget or \$2,850,000 to be divided by the Baptist colleges according to student enrollment ratios and \$450,000 for capital needs of the schools.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will get 65.1 percent of the total budget or \$9,811,735. This funds the work of the board including Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Evangelism, and all the other operations of the board.

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will get \$35,000 for education and \$80,000 for hardship assistance, plus \$60,000 for capital needs.

The Baptist Children's Village will receive \$280,000; Ministerial Education Board, \$77,231; Christian Action (Continued on page 2)

Men's rally pinpoints Brotherhood's 75th year

This year is the 75th anniversary of Brotherhood work, both in SBC and Mississippi. Paul Harrell, director, Mississippi Brotherhood, took special note of that fact at the Baptist Men's Rally held Aug. 20 at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. He presented plaques to two former state Brotherhood directors, W. R. Roberts, director, 1947-1959, and Elmer Howell, director, 1959-1977.

A multi-media presentation pinpointed highlights of the organization's work. The Laymen's Missionary Movement was organized in 1905; the first Baptist Men's Convention was held in Jackson in 1914; James H. Street was elected first Brotherhood director for Mississippi in 1945.

Carl Bates, a Mississippi native, former SBC president who lives in Horse Shoe, N. C., was the featured speaker in the closing session of the rally. His address followed special music by R.L. and Beth Sigrest, music evangelists of Yazoo City, who sang "Higher Ground."

Bates said that back when Hawaii was still a foreign mission field, he went there on a month's vacation and preached in a different church every night. An old missionary asked him, "Do you know what the Lord is going to say to me when I stand before the judgement bar? He's going to ask, 'Why didn't you let me bless you more?'"

This was the theme of Bates' address. He quoted from Isaiah, "The Lord is just waiting to be gracious." He said that Christians are cheating themselves when they do not

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capsules

Arab Christian is chaplain

JERUSALEM (EBPS)—Suhail Ramadan, acting pastor and director of the Tur'an Baptist Centre, has been granted permission to serve as a chaplain in the Israeli prisons.

He is the first local Arab Christian to hold such a post.

Drought project brings praise

RECIFE, Brazil—A \$50,000 irrigation project for drought-stricken farms in Recife, Brazil, received acclaim from Brazilian water specialists and a large daily newspaper. The project is funded by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board disaster relief funds.

Seven large ponds and four wells have been constructed and nine motors purchased and installed to provide power for the irrigation system for 22 farms. The goal is to provide water so food and cattle can be produced and water furnished to area homes.

Mother and daughter licensed

MIAMI—Members of the University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Fla., have voted to license a mother and daughter to the ministry without a dissenting vote from the approximately 600 members present at the business meeting.

The two are Lynn (Mrs. Ron) and Merry Phillips. The mother is minister to children at the church and the daughter will major in religion at Baylor University this year.

Though only a few women are in pastorates, more than 175 are said to have been ordained by Southern Baptist churches.

Foundation has strong ties with state missions

By Harold Kitchings, director

Mississippi Baptist Foundation

It goes without saying that nothing Baptists do remains a secret for long. However, it is possible that we have found at least one exception to this principle. For many years, at least on the calendar, the month of September has been designated as "Baptist Foundation Month" in the Southern Baptist Convention. Because it has passed by almost unnoticed, this year an effort is being made throughout our convention to acquaint our church members with the basic ministry of the 25 state Baptist Foundations, as well as the Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee. Bulletin inserts are available to the churches which define succinctly the ministry of Baptist Foundations.

In Mississippi, this agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was incorporated in 1943 with assets of \$13,000, a very modest beginning. Today, the Participants' Funds combine to total in excess of seven and one half million dollars. The fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, revealed that \$709,000.00 was earned for Mississippi and Southern Baptist causes by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. For the first time in the 39 year history of this agency, the double digit figure of a ten percent annual yield was earned. This is an exceptional figure for long term endowment funds, and rates favorably with our sister state Foundations.

One of the ministries served by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering received, coincidentally, each year during the month of September. This agency is the Trustee for monies given to support many of the State Missions causes such as Camp Garaywa, Special Ministries with National Baptists and Indians, and the Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

One of the newest trust agreements established with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in support of Central Hills Baptist Retreat is the "Hal Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund," established in July, 1982, by Hal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Martin of Kosciusko. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide one or more scholarships for a teen age Royal Ambassador to attend one week of camp at Central Hills each summer.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to a Royal Ambassador who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. It also offers a dynamic method for extending the life of Hal Martin, who was an active member of the Kosciusko First Baptist Church. Hal was involved in the Royal Ambassador program, and met an untimely death as a result of an accident when he was 16 years of age.

Yes, Hal Martin "though he be dead, yet liveth" through this memorial scholarship fund. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is actively involved in state missions.

State missions prayer time began in 1903

By Marjean Patterson, executive

director, Mississippi WMU

For the past 80 years special attention has been given to state missions in Mississippi.

Beginning in 1903, a special day was set aside annually when emphasis was placed on praying for mission causes within the state.

This emphasis was well received and in 1917 became the Week of Prayer for State Missions. At the present time we observe the Season of Prayer for State Missions on Sunday through Wednesday of the second full week of September.

In 1903 the state mission offering amounted to \$294.38; in 1981-82, Mississippi Baptists have given \$370,764.

It was determined in 1935 that our state mission offering be named in honor of Margaret Lackey, who was the first employed corresponding secretary of Mississippi WMU.

All those who participate in the 1982 emphasis on state missions will learn about special efforts which are being exerted to share the gospel with people in our own "little corner of the world."

A ministry to staff employees and families of prisoners at Parchman, a look at the growth and development of one church which was begun with state missions offering funds from a past offering, and awareness of positive Christian input into the lives of young boys at Central Hills Baptist Retreat are the particular areas of concern in this year's material.

A goal of \$375,000 has been set for this year's Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions.

Cooper rotation marks milestone

By Don McGregor

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, reached a mile post in his service to Southern Baptists when he rotated off the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee with the New Orleans convention, but he is not through by any means.

Among other things, he is involved in a lay evangelism effort that the Home Mission Board has planned for Detroit for next spring. Other plans that he has working make it apparent that when he retired in 1973 as president of Mississippi Chemical Company he really never slowed down at all.

He can't remember how long he served on the SBC Executive Committee, but he said it was 20 or 21 years. Actually, he was first elected in 1959. Through a combination of circumstances he served longer than anyone else has since the present rotation system was put into effect.

A part of those circumstances was being elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1972. He had



Owen Cooper

served for several years before being elected president, and the president is an ex-officio member of the committee. Following his final year as president in 1974, he was elected again to the Executive Committee for two more terms, the constitutional limit without rotating off for a year. He completed those two terms in June.

The question was posed: is there any office in Southern Baptist ranks that he has not filled? The reply was quick: "I've never been an officer in the Woman's Missionary Union."

Perhaps there are a few others that he has not been elected to fill yet, but the list is impressive, nevertheless.

On the local scene he is a deacon, he has been director of both the Sunday School and Church Training in his local church, and he has been moderator of his association. At this time he is a member of First Church, Yazoo City; but his ordination as a deacon was at the hands of First Church,

This year four Mississippi work teams came to California to assist three churches in construction-related mission projects. A group of six Women's Missionary Union volunteers were expected in late August to assist in a mission education project.

The work teams assisted the First Southern Baptist Church of Citrus Heights, the First Southern Baptist Mission of Oroville, and the Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church of San Francisco.

Citrus Heights

The Citrus Heights church, located east of Sacramento, was the beneficiary of two Mississippi work teams as well as dozens of volunteer laborers from California and Nevada.

The project was the construction of a 6,200-square-foot two-story educa-

tional building that replaces a 70-year-old residence that had been used the past several years.

The first work team consisted of 17 men sponsored by Pike Association and including men from Lincoln, Waltham, Franklin, and Amite counties. They were followed by a seven-member team from Pascagoula and Moss Point.

The Pike County team framed and covered the roof, installed exterior siding, and constructed a deck and porch.

The second team did preliminary electrical work, installed insulation, installed door casings, and assisted in the installation of a fire sprinkler system.

Volunteers from California and Nevada as well as church members (Continued on page 3)



A Mississippi work team labors at First Southern Baptist Church, Citrus Heights, near Sacramento.

Mississippi Baptist volunteers help out California churches

The list is long

Cooper rotation marks milestone

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convention. And during his service as a member of the SBC Executive Committee he served as its chairman. He has been a member of and the chairman of the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary, and he has been a member of the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation. During the convention itself he has served as a member of the resolutions committee.

For the Baptist World Alliance, Cooper is a vice-chairman, he's a member of the General Council, and he is in his third five-year term as secretary of the Men's Department. He attended the first, second, and third World Congress of Baptist Men.

He is president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, and he is a member of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

And that's not all.

Cooper has spoken in churches in every state and on every continent. He has visited mission churches in 40 countries, and he has led mission groups to Montana, California, Ohio, Hawaii, and Spain.

List goes on

The list goes on to include positions such as national vice-chairman of the American Red Cross and Mississippi president of the Young Men's Christian Association. His education did not stop with graduation from A&M in 1929. He had worked his way through college before going on to additional study at the University of Southern California in 1934 and receiving a master's degree in political science and economics from the University of Mississippi in 1936. He was graduated from the Jackson School of Law, now the Mississippi College law school, in 1938, and he has been awarded the doctor of laws degree by Mississippi College and Campbellsville College and the doctor of humanities degree by Wake Forest University.

Mrs. Cooper was Elizabeth Thompson before their marriage, and she has had a number of honors come her way. She, a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, also has been a BSU director on a college campus. She is now a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College, and she is past member of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Possibly one of her most interesting experiences, however, was sharing her home with the President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, when he spoke at a "town hall" meeting in the gymnasium of the high school in Yazoo City. He spent the night with the Coopers following the meeting.

Other endeavors

Cooper has a lot of other endeavors under way in addition to the lay evangelism effort in Detroit next spring. All are far-reaching involvements, but possibly none more so than that of Universal Concern in India. This movement evolved out of a trip along with others to India in 1976. The concept is to use Indians as evangelists since foreign representatives to that nation must have some usable skill to be accepted. The Universal Concern group has found that United States money will go a long way in India, so the group works to select, supervise, and direct Indians in missions work in India as they provide monetary support. It is not all provided without charge for the Indian churches, however. "They have to put up some money," Cooper said.

Pastors' retreat will be at Camp Garaywa Oct. 4-5

A retreat is planned for pastors at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Oct. 4-5 for inspiration, training, skill development and fellowship. The program begins at 10 a.m. on Monday and closes Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Bible study leader will be Stuart Arnold, pastor of Citadel Square Church in Charleston, S.C. Arnold was born in Bedford, England and began his ministry there. In 1967 at the invitation of the Sunday School Board he came to the United States. He served at the board until 1978 when he went to Citadel Square.

Graham Smith, associate pastor at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton will lead the music during this retreat.

There will be four simultaneous conferences: "Building a Planning Base" led by Joe Stacker of the BSSB and Jack Gregory, pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc; "Managing Conflict in the Church" led by Glen Williams, director of missions in Pike Association and special worker for the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department; "Gearing a Church to Evangelize" led by Guy Henderson, director of the

Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and "Certified Deacon Training Update" led by Henry Webb of the Sunday School Board.

Pre-registration is necessary. There is a fee of \$15 to cover the cost of insurance, meals and lodging. If cancellation is received by Sept. 27, this fee is refundable. Send name, address and registration fee to Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. For further information call the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department at 968-3800, extension 3905.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Sept. 6-8 Mid-South Senior Adult Convention; Bellevue BC, Memphis; 7 p.m., 6th - noon, 8th (CT)

Sept. 10-12 WMU Houseparty; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 10th - noon, 12th (WMU)

Cooper is chairman of the board of directors for the Agricultural Missions Foundation, which has its headquarters in Yazoo City. He is also president of Global Outreach, which has its headquarters in Tupelo. Both organizations are deeply interested in providing support for the efforts of agricultural missionaries all over the world, and they provide this support without any particular denominational ties. The difference between the two groups is that the Tupelo organization accepts federal funds to aid in its efforts, and the Yazoo City organization does not. Because of the absence of federal funding, the Yazoo City group, Agricultural Missions Foundation, is free to work closely with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and does so. Cooper said he feels the organization is building grass roots support for agricultural missions.

Lends support

Other movements that Cooper lends support to are the Arthur Blessitt Evangelism Association and the work of Landon Wilkerson in Honduras. The relationship with Blessitt began in 1961 when Blessitt was a student at Mississippi College. He worked in Montana as a student summer missionary, and the support situation evolved from that experience, Cooper related.

He has also served on the board of directors for Bread for the World.

Cooper is a behind-the-scenes worker, but he manages to get things done. He also inspires cooperation. He said that First Church, Yazoo City, probably has the broadest direct missions program in the SBC. Even with support going directly into several missions efforts, however, the church still ranks among the top churches in the Southern Baptist Convention in per capita giving through the Cooperative Program.

Concerning all of his efforts in para denominational movements, Cooper said he is not in any of that sort of work but that he feels it supplements missions work of the Southern Baptist Convention. He would be happy to be able to turn it all over to the denomination, he indicated.

Cooper says he is involved in the emergence of a different concept toward laymen, and he is chairman of a Southern Baptist committee to study the laity.

"We are all ministers," Cooper declared. "The pastor has got to magnify his equipping role."

"Why not everybody being called?" he asked. "There is no difference between the sacred and the secular. Before a meaningful breakthrough in world witnessing can come about, however, the pastors will have to provide the leadership for the laity so that the laymen can become more effective witnesses. The pastors can't do it by themselves."

It concerns Cooper that in a year's time Baptists baptize only as many people as are born in 15 hours. He has preached in all nations, but he still wonders: "Am I keeping Christ from returning?" because some have not heard?

Largest corporation

In 1973 Cooper retired from the company he had helped to organize, Mississippi Chemical. It is now the largest domestic business corporation in the state. The company, formed 30 years ago, was the first farmer-owned synthetic nitrogen plant in the world. Now 50 per cent of all nitrogen pro-

duced in the United States is produced by farmer-owned cooperatives.

"Mississippi Chemical is an idea whose time had come," Cooper said. The fertilizer plants of Europe had been devastated during World War II, and the need was there. Shortly thereafter Cooper helped to organize the First Mississippi Corporation, now the second largest commercial business domestic corporation in the state. Then he helped to organize the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and the Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company. These two domestic corporations have combined assets of about \$2 billion.

Currently Cooper is working on an effort to establish a \$275 million paper mill in Mississippi. Every one of the projects in which he has been engaged, he says, was a team effort. He wants to share such opportunities.

Cooper is a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board of Washington, D.C., the organization that has general supervision over land banks.

Advisory position

Cooper is a member of the General Advisory Committee on United States Arms Control and Disarmament. This is an advisory position for advising the President on arms production, control, and limitation. He also is involved in organizations and groups that are fighting alcohol and pornography.

And any commentary on Cooper must point out that he has helped establish several churches by providing buildings. At one time he owned five church buildings in Montana. That was when they could be built for about \$10,000, he noted. He also bought property for churches in Reno and Wells, Nevada.

"I do not feel that my involvement in the church has ever diminished my involvement in business activities," Cooper said. "Any time I gave to the church provided me an inner peace and spiritual strength that made me more effective to function in a business capacity," he added.

"I have had more happiness in church work than in any other thing, and through it all my family has been very supportive and helpful" he concluded.

Proposed budget for 1983 Mississippi Baptist Convention

	1982	% of Total	Basic	1983 Proposed Advance	Total	% of Total
INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES						
Christian Education	\$ 2,619,000	18.81	\$ 2,601,830	\$248,170	\$ 2,850,000	18.91
Christian Education Capt. Needs	425,000	3.05	450,000	450,000	450,000	2.99
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center						
Education	30,100	.22	35,000		35,000	.23
Hardship Assistance	77,900	.56	77,329	2,671	80,000	.53
Laundry Construction	12,000	.09	---	---	---	---
Med. Ctr. Capt. Needs	55,000	.39	60,000		60,000	.40
Children's Village	265,800	1.91	275,966	4,034	280,000	1.86
Ministerial Education Board	70,855	.51	77,231		77,231	.51
Christian Action	105,100	.76	113,508		113,508	.75
Bureau Foundation	106,075	.76	116,214		116,214	.77
Historical Commission	26,400	.19	29,351		29,351	.19
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	114,502	.82	123,498		123,498	.82
	\$ 3,907,732	28.07	\$ 3,959,927	\$254,875	\$ 4,214,802	27.96
BOARD PROGRAMS						
Conv. Bd. Capt. Needs	\$ 384,000	2.76	\$ 384,000		\$ 384,000	2.55
Gulfshore Assembly Programming	110,000	.79	128,000		128,000	.85
Gulfshore Operations	94,000	.68	103,732		103,732	.69
Program Director's Office	95,986	.68	176,746		176,746	1.17
Youth Night	10,000	.07	10,000		10,000	.07
Resource Center	63,276	.45	48,832		48,832	.32
Church Adm.-Pastoral Min.	76,764	.55	85,931		85,931	.57
Church Building Services	31,571	.23	33,586		33,586	.22
WMU	234,830	1.69	248,020		248,020	1.65
Camp Garaywa	18,252	.13	---		---	---
Sunday School	258,645	1.86	278,689		278,689	1.85
Church Training	229,036	1.65	248,894		248,894	1.65
Brotherhood	152,112	1.09	159,888		159,888	1.06
Church Music	153,457	1.10	162,687		162,687	1.08
Student Work	492,982	3.54	532,252		532,252	3.53
Student Centers Capt. Needs	100,000	.72	100,000		100,000	.66
Evangelism	90,893	.65	87,845		87,845	.58
Cooperative Missions	238,953	1.72	215,738		215,738	1.43
Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Prom.	157,371	1.13	174,674		174,674	1.16
Subsidies to Associations	108,000	.78	108,000		108,000	.72
Church-Minister Rel. & Annuity	118,200	.85	129,610		129,610	.86
General Services (Bldg. Maint., Bldg. Serv., Basic Telephone, Print Shop)	464,610	3.34	569,701		569,701	3.78
Baptist Record	233,427	1.68	231,254		231,254	1.53
Annuity Participation	550,000	3.95	550,000		550,000	3.65
Social Security & Ins. (Board)	339,000	2.43	394,000		394,000	2.61
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 4,805,365	34.52	\$ 5,162,079		\$ 5,162,079	34.24
Public Relations	\$ 13,370	.10	\$ 12,165		\$ 12,165	.08
Convention Sessions	15,000	.11	17,500		17,500	.12
Convention Annual, Diary, Etc.	35,000	.25	35,000		35,000	.23
Convention Board & Comm. Meetings	24,000	.17	25,000		25,000	.17
Exec. Secty-Treasurer's Office	134,094	.96	147,228		147,228	.98
Business Office	197,969	1.42	197,961		197,961	1.32
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 419,433	3.01	\$ 434,854		\$ 434,854	2.90
STATE CAUSES - GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,132,530	65.60	\$ 9,596,860	\$254,875	\$ 9,811,735	65.10
SBC CAUSES						
Sou. Am. Missions Coordinator	\$ 25,000	.18	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	.20
SBC Video Cassette Program	20,000	.15	20,000		20,000	.13
Mission Service Corps. Prog.	10,000	.07	10,000		10,000	.07
Southern Baptist Convention	4,732,970	34.00	4,954,140	\$245,125	\$ 5,199,265	34.50
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 4,787,970	34.40	\$ 5,014,140	\$245,125	\$ 5,259,265	34.90
GRAND TOTAL - ALL CAUSES	\$13,920,500	100.00	\$14,571,000	\$500,000	\$15,071,000	100.00

Cooperative Program Funds received in excess of \$15,071,000 are to be allocated to Miss. College School of Law to a maximum of \$250,000.



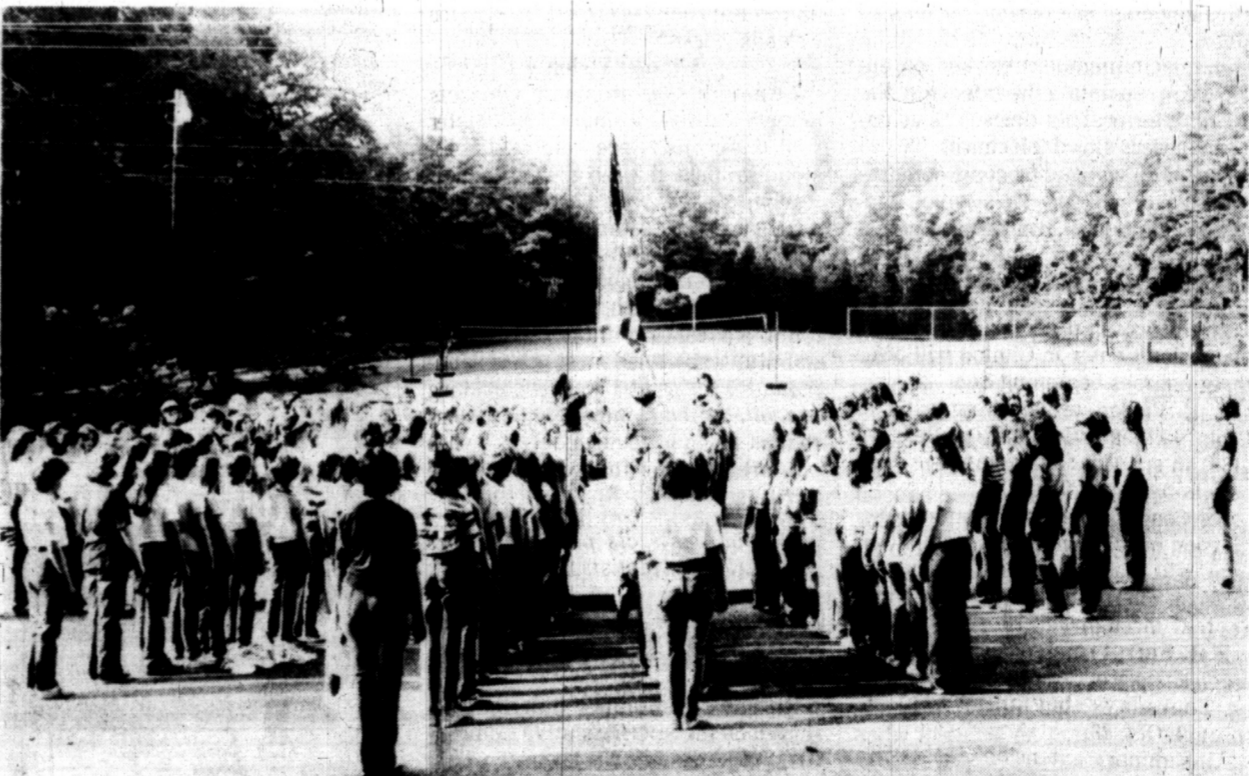
CRAFTS — GAs making leather items such as key chains, bookmarks, and bracelets, are Shannon Purvis, Angie Kern, Shana Thomas, Suzette Warrington, and Mitzi Cartwright.



MISSION STUDY—Girls show missionary puppets they made from paper plates.



SWIMMING — Garaywa summer staffers Kathy Pratt, right, and Rhonda Latch, in background, escort GAs through the shower at the gate to the pool. (Photos by Anne Washburn McWilliams)



FLAG LOWERING — Just before sunset, the United States flag is lowered, as GAs stand in formation, according to cabin assignment.

1,923 girls camp at Garaywa

In seven weeks of GA camp and two weeks of Acteen camp at Garaywa this summer, 1,923 girls participated, from Baptist churches in Mississippi—in addition to camp staff members and missionary personnel. Every day of camp, directed by D. P. Smith, WMU, offered mission study, Bible study, nature study, and time for crafts and recreation. Allocations from the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering go for improvements and operation of Camp Garaywa.

Lawrence County meets "impossible"

Sometimes the more impossible the missions challenge, the greater is the response to meet it. That's the way it was last week in Lawrence County. One letter presented a critical need; within four days it produced offerings of \$2,360, and 12 men saying they were ready to go to South Dakota.

The men were to leave Mississippi Sat. Aug. 28 and will return next weekend.

The letter making the appeal was written Aug. 19 by Drew Blanton, associational moderator, asking help for the Baptist church in Wolsey, S.D.

Lawrence County Associational Missions Committee had voted to send a mission team to Wolsey in the summer of 1982, but a breakdown in communication occurred, and they got the report that the Wolsey needs had been met. Consequently the association used its budgeted money instead to send a team to Bettsville, Ohio.

Later, during a missions rally held at New Hebron Baptist Church, Tim Rayborn showed slides of work he had done with a team in Onida, S.D. With these, he showed three slides of work in Wolsey. When Rayborn stopped in Wolsey, he said, he had learned that the work reported done there actually had not been done.

George Lee, Lawrence director of missions, called Ron Hatmaker, pastor at Wolsey, to check out the situation. Afterward, Hatmaker called Earl Clark, the New Hebron pastor,

saying that a church in another state had promised to put a new front on the Wolsey church and to give \$2,000 to buy the materials. Church members at Wolsey tore the rotten front off their church and poured a new slab, in expectation of workers to arrive. The promised team canceled, though, leaving Wolsey with no church front and no money to buy one.

Hatmaker told Clark, "The front must be on before the snow sets in, or we will suffer greatly this winter."

As a result, the associational moderator sent out a letter to the pastors and churches of Lawrence Association, making an appeal for \$2,000 in love offerings, and 10 to 15 men to go to Wolsey to work Aug. 30-Sept. 3. He mailed his letter Aug. 19. In it he said that one man from New Hebron Church could coordinate the construction and three or four more from that church could go. He threw out the challenge, "Brother Earl needs to know by 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, if your church would be a part of this effort."

By early Aug. 23, five churches had given \$2,360—Bethel, Calvary, New Hebron, New Hope, and Topeka. George Lee also had given toward the trip and helped in the planning. Twelve men had volunteered.

The Monticello Baptist Church is allowing the men to use its bus to make the trip and will pay for all the gas, round trip.



Men—and women—filled the fellowship hall at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, for the Baptist Men's Rally Aug. 20. Barry Landrum, banquet speaker, pastor at FBC, Bossier City, La., is in left foreground.



Hometown Reunion, barbershop quartet from Jackson, rated a standing ovation at the banquet, produced an encore, and set up a bright mood for Barry Landrum, the humorist who followed them on the banquet program.



John Kroner, pictured, layman from Oak Vale, and Julius Vaughn, layman from Brookhaven, told about their experiences as volunteers in missions. 1982. Kroner went to Mendoza, Argentina, and Vaughn went to Bethel Baptist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, on construction and witnessing ventures. Both agreed that they had received immeasurable blessings.

Hazel Barron to speak at BYW retreat

The annual Baptist Young Women Retreat is set for Oct. 8-9, at Camp Garaywa, in Clinton.

"Stapling My Life Together," will be the theme of the retreat. The program will look at the young women's role in her church, her family and her mission involvement. First-hand missionary information will be shared along with fellowship time with other young women.

The retreat begins with the evening meal at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. It concludes on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Tom (Hazel) Barron, missionary to Indonesia, will share about her life and work in a foreign country. Mrs. Barron is a native Mississippian and serves in Indonesia as a home and church worker and assists her husband in student work.

The cost for the weekend is \$13 which includes meals, room, insurance, and programming. Deadline for registration is Monday, October 4 and refunds should be made before Monday, October 4.

Every BYW should bring her enthusiasm for fellowship, sharing, and inspiration about what she is doing in her church, BYW and community in this year of "Life-Changing Accountability."

BYW should also bring sheets (single bed), or sleeping bag, towel, wash cloth, Bible, Contempo, and notebook.

For more information or to send registration, contact Marilyn Hopkins, BYW Consultant, Mississippi WMU, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

In Mississippi

Alcohol traffic deaths—"more than fair share"

Citing the national statistics on alcohol-related traffic deaths and believing that Mississippi contributes "more than its fair share to those tragic figures," State Rep. Dennis Dollar of Gulfport has announced that he will prefile a bill for the consideration of the 1983 session of the Mississippi Legislature which would significantly increase the penalties for drunk driving in the state.

"In 1981, there were 25,000 alcohol-related traffic deaths in the United States," Dollar said, "and each state has more than a responsibility, it has an obligation to enact necessary laws to combat this growing national tragedy."

Dollar's bill is patterned after a Tennessee law which has been described as one of the nation's toughest. It would increase the penalty for a first offense to a minimum 48 hours in jail, a six-month driver's license suspension, fines from \$250 to \$1,000 and a year's probation.

Second offenses would carry a minimum 45 days in jail, a two-year license suspension, fines from \$500 to \$2,500, and two years' probation. Multiple offenses would increase with significantly greater penalties.

All offenses will carry a provision for restitution to the victims of any alcohol-related accidents. In addition, any driver under 18 who is convicted of drunk driving faces an automatic two-year license suspension.

Dollar said that he realized the proposed law would be "quite severe"

and a "significant departure from Mississippi's historically lax drunk driving laws."

"It's about time we got tough on drunk driving," he explained. "Ask anyone who has lost a loved one, particularly a child, in an alcohol-related accident. I believe they would agree that such a law has been much too long in coming."

As one of the authors of the 1981 law which lowered the blood-alcohol content ratio from a national high of .15% to the national norm of .10%, Dollar said that "only recently has there been an overwhelming outcry to look at Mississippi's drunk driving laws. The blood-alcohol law was the first step in a major overhaul of these laws. This proposal is the second step."

Mississippi Baptists help

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and people from the Citrus Heights community, had been donating construction labor before and after the Mississippi teams served.

The church is expected to dedicate the new educational building in October.

It's been a tremendous blessing to our church," observed Robert Wayman, pastor of the Citrus Heights church.

He noted that the church has reached a number of families as a result of the construction project "which otherwise we could not have reached."

Oroville

The First Southern Baptist Mission in Oroville, located in north central California, was assisted by an 11-member team from the Grenada, Water Valley, and Oakland areas of Mississippi.

The team framed the building, laid the roof and installed the exterior siding during their one week stay. The volunteer laborers saved the church an estimated \$20,000.

"It meant a great deal to the mission," explained Bill Perdue, a layman in the Oroville church.

He noted that the work done by the volunteer mission team helped call attention to the new mission.

San Francisco

The Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco was the beneficiary of laborers in the form of a 40-member single adult choir from the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.

The choir members worked an entire week repainting the exterior of the church's several buildings. The volunteer laborers saved the church \$20,000 in painting, contractor costs, according to Pastor Bill Smith.

Seminary Extension to open Sept. 20

The Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center in Clinton will offer three courses beginning Sept. 20.

E. R. Pinson, professor emeritus of Bible, will teach General Epistles (NT 0186) in six Monday evening sessions beginning Sept. 20.

Joe Cooper, professor of philosophy, division of religion at Mississippi College, will teach Christian Ethics (CE 0230) on Tuesday evenings, beginning Sept. 21 through Oct. 26.

E. I. Farr, professor emeritus, will teach History of Christianity (CH 0211) on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 23 through Oct. 28.

All seminary extension classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m.

For registration information, call the division of continuing education, 924-9766.

Men's rally pinpoints Brotherhood's 75th year

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ask him for blessings "according to his riches in glory."

"We resist God," he pointed out. "We won't let God get close to us—like shaking hands with certain women—elbow in the stomach—to keep them from kissing you."

"If you ever take God at his word and ask him to bless you, you'd better get some more buckets!"

Those present at the rally also heard a report on hunger relief, and testimonies of two laymen who have been on volunteer missions this year.

University members adopt internationals

University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, members adopted international students for a two-week period, July 26-Aug. 6. Called "FRIENDS," this

project was under direction of Mrs. Sylvia McCarty and Mrs. Clara Dennis. Twenty internationals from Japan, Peru, Venezuela, Columbia, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Syria were adopted by church families.

Church members were assigned an international student attending the English Language Institute in Hattiesburg where the students were enrolled in a beginning conversation-culture course. The international students met their friends at a reception on the USM campus on July 26. Participants in FRIENDS were asked to schedule at least one event each week with their international friend.

MBCB adopts budget

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Commission, \$113,508; Baptist Foundation, \$116,214; Historical Commission, \$29,351; and Mississippi Baptist Seminary, \$123,498.

Special Southern Baptist causes tagged for funding include \$30,000 to the South American Missions Partnership coordinator; \$20,000 to the SBC Video Cassette program; and \$10,000 to the Mississippi Service Corps.

All funds received in excess of \$15,071,000 are to be allocated to the Mississippi College School of Law to a maximum of \$250,000.

ing to Pastor Bill Smith.

In addition to the paint job, the choir, which raised money to travel to California, led in two worship services at the church.

The Nineteenth Avenue church resides in a 50-year-old wood frame building and serves five different language congregations—Anglo, Japanese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Korean, and Chinese. "This concentrated effort (by the Mississippi choir) helped us get on top of the maintenance needs," Smith said.

One of the by-products realized by the multi-ethnic congregation explained Smith, was for "our people to see the strength of Southern Baptists."

Woman's Missionary Union

A team of six Mississippi W.M.U. leaders was to arrive in California Aug. 21 to assist the California WMU department. The team, along with California WMU leadership, were to lead mission rallies, WMU orientation, and training seminars in eight churches across the state.

The WMU involvement has been called the California Connection. The six women who are involved are Mrs. Jerry Brunt of Corinth, to work with Baptist Young Women workers; Mrs. Lee Roy Ivy of Morton, to work with Girls in Action workers; Mrs. Charles Tyler of Collins, Baptist Women leaders; Mrs. E. M. Kee Jr. of Woodville, Acteen leaders; Mrs. Vince Scooper of Laurel, WMU leaders; and Mrs. James Fancher of Coffeeville, Mission Friends workers.

Mission Vision

Although the mission projects helped California churches, Brister said the projects are helping Mississippi Baptists in a far greater way.

When asked why he volunteered each of the past three years, Floyd Johnson of McComb, Miss., said, "It's a revival in my heart."

Another layman, John Newman from East Fork church in Amite County, expressed a similar sentiment. "I felt that I was undertaking one of the most important missions that a Christian could undertake when you are working full service for the Lord."

(Hepburn directs public relations for California Baptists.)

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Baptist backing urged to raise drinking age

By Duann Kier
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists are being asked to join the National Transportation Safety Board in urging the legal minimum drinking age be raised to 21 nationwide.

The NTSB, in an effort to cut the death toll from drunk driving, is urging state governors and legislators of 35 states and the District of Columbia (where the drinking age is less than 21) to change their laws. Statistics show a direct correlation between minimum drinking age and alcohol-related accidents in the 18-21 age group.

"Southern Baptists can help in this vital effort by making personal contact with governors and legislators in those states which have not yet raised their legal minimum drinking age to 21. Churches and associations could help by adopting resolutions calling upon their state governments to act," said Ronald D. Sisk, director for program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Sisk said the board's recommendation reflects a realistic assessment of the facts. "More young people die from drinking and driving than any other age group. Each state which has lowered its drinking age to 18 has experienced significant increases in alcohol-related driving fatalities in the 18-21 age group," he said. "People are dying on our streets and highways every day in part because they live in states which allow underage young people to drink legally."

The NTSB is empowered by Congress to investigate aviation, rail, marine, pipeline and highway accidents and make recommendations to improve transportation safety.

(Kier, a CLC staffer, is a former Baptist Record intern.)

Editorials . . .

Drunk driver checks cause howls

The citizens of our state owe a debt of gratitude to law enforcement officials for many reasons, but for sure they owe such a debt because of a crackdown on drinking drivers.

For the past several years the Baptist Record has been interested in and has urged the passage of a bill that would lower the level of alcohol in the blood for presumed drunkenness from .15 per cent to .10 per cent. That measure is now law, and law enforcement officials are seeking to enforce it.

As always, there are citizens who violate the law and get away with it. In the matter of speeding and in drinking it seems sometimes that the violators complain more about getting caught than there is shame from the violation.

Anyway, the officers are trying to enforce the law, and we commend them highly for it. One of the best ways that they have found for establishing their enforcement has been to set up roadblocks. Evidently this is working, for the howls are beginning to be heard.

Specifically in the reservoir area near Jackson there have been howls from the businessmen as substantial numbers of drunk people have been apprehended through the use of the road blocks. They say it is hurting their business.

Let's consider the factors involved in that for a moment.

First, the roadblocks have been established after midnight. At that time

of the evening there is not a lot of traffic around the reservoir, and so there is not going to be a lot of time wasted getting through the roadblocks.

Second, the only people who need to be concerned about such roadblocks are those who have gone past the limit for blood alcohol content. So how does one determine when to stop drinking in order to not go past the limit. The simple resolution is to not start.

Third, the reservoir is no place for drinking drivers, or boaters, anyway. The roads are narrow and have tricky curves, and some lead onto the dam. There are not guard rails everywhere, and some in some places a confused driver could wind up in the lake. Of course, boating is done in daylight

hours; but a drunk boat driver is an extremely dangerous person. There are no roads to guide the confused mind on the water.

The writer lives at the reservoir and sometimes takes a 15-year-old ski boat out with children and grandchildren in it. Sometimes the conditions become too frightening to be able to stay on the water.

The law enforcement officers seeking to cut down on drunkenness at the reservoir are to be commended. More power to them. The hope is that they will be able to increase their activities rather than curtailing them.

Those who are howling are being protected as well as are those who are grateful.



Letters To The Editor

Public school prayer

Editor:
I agree with you that we should not have to have an amendment to the Constitution to allow our children the privilege of having a time of prayer and devotion in our public schools, if they so desire. The United States Supreme Court says that their ruling did not outlaw prayer in the schools, but in many school systems in this country other federal courts have ruled this invalid. Also, many school boards and school administrators have not stood for the rights of the children who want this opportunity to pray.

Not one of these school systems has allowed the children the right to assemble for devotions. I am not in favor of forcing children who do not wish to pray to meet for devotionals, but my children and others who so desire should not be deprived of the privilege to have devotions in public schools. I know of one county school system that has been having a devotion for the students who so desire every morning. This school is under court order and has to have changes in policy approved by the Justice Department. But this school is only one of many schools in this area, and all the rest do not allow their students this privilege. Most of the school boards and administrators are too scared to challenge the different groups who are depriving our children of their rights.

I was one of the great majority that supported the resolution at the recent SBC in June. It was a first time for me. But as long as things go like they are going today, we must fight back. I would rather the courts be told by the Supreme Court that volunteer prayer and devotions are not unlawful and end this matter. But at this point this has not been done. Until it is done I think we ought to do what we can to turn this around. Most of our Christian leaders have done nothing. A few people are trying to help.

Kenneth McMillen
Byhalia

I agree with you 100 percent that public school children should be allowed to meet at school for prayer. If the Constitution does not guarantee this, it certainly is a confusing document. The only difference is that I feel the teachers should stay out of it unless they are just a part of the group voluntarily. It applies in Utah as well as in Mississippi, and in Utah it would be the Baptist children who would have to leave a school-structured prayer meeting. Before long in Mississippi it might be the Baptist children leaving.

But if a group of Mississippi children gathered in the school house before school for a prayer meeting and the principal stopped them, I think we should sue and counter sue and do everything there would be in our power until every legal recourse was exhausted. So far all we have done is try the prayer meetings and wait for the other side to sue. The court is our field of battle just as it is theirs. We have just as much right there and just as much ability to fight.

We have said this over and over. Now it has been echoed by SBC President Jimmy Draper during his press conference following his election. He was elected by the same people who voted for the resolution on the amendment to the Constitution.

If we exhaust every legal remedy and fail to find satisfaction, then the Constitution must be addressed.—
Editor

Mission in Pass Christian

Editor:
One of the newest missions in Mississippi is located in Pass Christian and is sponsored by the Long Beach First Baptist Church. The need for a strong, evangelistic church in that area is most evident: the estimated population is just over 5,000 while the total membership in Baptist churches was only 126 and the Sunday School enrollment was only 58, according to the 1981 Gulf Coast Baptist Association's minutes. Surely, the fields there are "white unto harvest."

This summer the mission enrolled 53 children in Backyard Bible Club. A summer revival led by Leo Humphrey produced good crowds and eleven professions of faith. Since his graduation from New Orleans Seminary in May, Mike Hutchinson has been on the field full-time. One of the most exciting things to happen was the acquisition of two acres of the old Kittiwake property, made possible in part by last year's State Missions Offering. The plan was to use one of the mobile chapels owned by the State Convention and to move onto the property immediately. However, the City of Pass Christian turned down our request for a zoning variance. Our only alternatives are to continue meeting in rented facilities or to build immediately.

We want to build immediately. A small building fund has been established and a "Together We Build" program will be launched in September. A Brotherhood group in north Mississippi has offered to help us raise a building this winter if we can afford the materials. A lot more help will be needed. We would be interested in hearing from interested individuals or churches. We believe that the sooner we can build on our own property the sooner people will see that we are a stable mission seriously committed to ministering to the spiritual needs of our area.

If anyone would like more information, please call or write First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 302, Long Beach, MS 39660.

David Spencer, pastor
First Baptist Church
Long Beach

An Open Letter to every W.M.U. organization

Editor:
We've just received this year's allocation from your Special Day Offering. Thank you for standing by us once again.

Now and then we missionaries feel like we are all alone. Busy schedules, hectic days, and lack of response seem to block our vision of all the support around us. It is when things seem the bleakest that your love comes through the brightest.

Every time I feel that frustration coming on, I think of the notes and promises of prayer. I reread the letters of encouragement. Your continuous support keeps us going.

Of course, we appreciate the financial support, too. Gifts like the Special Day Offering make it possible for us to accomplish things we might never do without it. They always seem to come just when we need it the most.

Thank you, W.M.U., for being there when we need you most.

Paul Vandercook
Director of ministries
Gulf Coast association

Help for Choctaw church

Editor:
I would like to say thank you to the Baptist Record for the publicity given to our project at Bogue Chitto Indian Church.

The construction of Bogue Chitto Indian Church continues with the church members and Mississippi Campers on Mission working, praying, sharing, loving, and caring in the love of Christ each day as our funds are diminishing.

The Choctaws are excited, and the Holy Spirit is felt near as the days go by with the accomplishment of past work and expectancy of the outreach of people in the community for every lost person to know Christ and have a much-needed place of worship.

There were approximately 95 children attending Bible school under the shade trees in the area where the new

building is being constructed.

We would like very much to see these people in the new church building completed before fall weather begins to be bad. Right now they are having outside worship.

Mae Price
Campers on Mission member

Home for the elderly

Dear Editor:
The purpose of this letter is to stimulate some interest in the need for Mississippi Baptists to operate a home for its elderly members. Other denominations have homes for the elderly, and I think it is time for us to have a home.

Recently the Magnolia Dormitory on the campus of M.U.W. here was put up for sale. I know this would be ideal for such a home to give us meals and a comfortable room at a price we are able to pay. I know millionaires in our convention who support plans for other ages and should be as interested in the elderly.

We need help in caring for our needs but not in a nursing home. We can pay reasonable rates for these services. Think of this and give us your responses.

M. G. Thomas
1013 S. 5th Avenue
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The feeling that there is not a need for homes for the elderly is not the reason that Mississippi Baptists are not operating one or more. The need is there. The problem is that there is no way to meet the need.

A building on the campus of a major university would be a lovely place for such a home, and it is possible that some individual might buy it for that purpose. Then would come the tremendous alteration program to make it suitable for senior citizens, the hiring of a staff to run it, the necessity of meeting all governmental requirements for such installations, the maintenance crew that would be necessary, and the ongoing expenses of keeping it open. These are a few of the conditions that would have to be met.

Then one begins to find that there are other people in different circumstances in Mississippi who also need such places to live. Soon comes the understanding that the needs are overwhelming. So, while there has been no official statement, it is possible that it is not a lack of interest but

the realization of a lack of ability that keeps Mississippi Baptists from engaging in this form of ministry.—
Editor

A call to worship

Editor:
I have never done so, but I have often thought of writing to you to express appreciation for the ministry of The Baptist Record. We have been serving as missionaries for about 12 years and have looked forward to getting The Baptist Record during that time. We thank you for your ministry.

Presently, we are here in Hattiesburg in furlough at 38th Avenue Baptist Church. Recently, one of our young people (college) led us in a call to worship one Sunday morning. I want to share it with you in case you have the opportunity to use it somewhere in the future.

Again, let me assure you of our gratitude.

Bob G. Magee
Bob Magee is a native of Tylertown. Delores Magee is a native of Gulfport. They are missionaries to Colombia.

Call To Worship

I come to this worship service this morning expecting many things, but especially to experience God.

I expect to hear God in the hymns which are sung and played and in His Word as it is preached;

I expect to taste God in that sweet joy of fellowship that joins us together;

I expect to see God in your faces and as new life begins in Christ and as tired

lives are rejuvenated;

I expect to feel God as His presence sweeps over this congregation binding us into a unified body of loving and caring individuals;

And I expect to touch God as I open the doors of my life and take His hand in a more committed walk with the One who loves you and me so very much.

Shall we experience God together!
—Mary Butler

Hamblin to HMB

All of us at the Home Mission Board are delighted with the election of Robert L. Hamblin, professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, as the new HMB vice president, evangelism. Dr. Hamblin was unanimously and enthusiastically elected to the position, succeeding Dr. C. B. Hogue, by the HMB directors on Wednesday, August 4, 1982, effective immediately.

I would urge you to pray for Bob Hamblin as he assumes his new responsibilities, and most of all, to pray that God will use each of us in our respective roles to lead Southern Baptists in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to every person in America before the year 2,000.

William G. Tanner, President
Home Mission Board
Mississippians will remember Bob Hamblin as pastor for more than 20 years at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.
—Editor

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams



MISSION STUDY — Lucile Saunders, retired missionary to China and the Philippines, talks to GAs about "who should be a missionary?"

"A drop of ink can make a million think"

"Once I was an MK," Lucile Saunders told GAs Aug. 5 at Camp Garaywa, where she was leading a mission study session. "I was a furlough baby." Her parents were missionaries to China, and she was born in Michigan Feb. 3, 1913, when they were in the States.

Appointed herself a missionary to China in 1939, she had two terrible experiences within the next decade. Following Pearl Harbor she was interned by the Japanese. While imprisoned, she lost weight, going from 150 to 117 lbs. and became ill with beriberi melancholia. Because of her sickness, she was placed on one of the first ships that delivered war prisoners to America.

Soon after World War II, back in China she was taken "under Communist protection" and was expelled, along with other missionaries, in 1950.

Of these experiences, which was the worst? She quickly answers, "The Communist. I'd rather be under control of the Japanese any day than the Communists. The Japanese imprisoned my body, but the Communists tried to take over my mind. We had 'mind cleansing' sessions. Policemen became a symbol of prosecution, not protection. It took me 10 years to recover from my fear of policemen."

The most amazing answer of her many answered prayers: "God took care of me in all that trouble, and most wonderful, he kept me from becoming a drug addict. I took barbiturates for 18 months" (when she had beriberi) "but after the Lord healed me he destroyed my desire for drugs." From 1950 until her retirement in 1978 she served in the Philippines. For a long time, she and another missionary were "the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Board, and Home Mission Board" for the Philippine Baptists, and prepared Sunday School curriculum and other printed books and materials. She wrote, edited, and proofread in five languages of the islands. "Language-wise I was a walking schizophrenic!" she recalled. "But I spoke usually in English, for each tribe would be jealous of the other if I chose to speak in one of their languages, and not the other."

During her last ten years in the Philippines, she was a consultant. "Missionaries have three roles," she observed. "Young ones are the pioneers; middle-aged ones become co-workers; and the older ones are dubbed consultants."

She summarized the value of Christian literature ministry: "A drop of ink can make a million think if it's on the printed page."

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Just for the Record



First Church, Rosedale, held a fellowship for the John Couches. Couch was celebrating his 10th anniversary as pastor there. A plaque and monetary gift is being presented by E. E. Holmes, deacon chairman, to the Couches.



SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WATERFORD recently held a note burning ceremony for its pastorum. The ceremony was held at the church with deacons. Jimmie Elmore, W. T. Young, John Cardwell, and Melvin Moore participating. The pastor is Billy Mitchell.

Liberty Church, Smith County, will have a Motivation Unlimited study Sept. 1-3, states the pastor, Frank Mowdy. James A. Bryant of Black Mountain, N. C., will teach the class.



At New Prospect Church (Lincoln), Lucy Lambright was crowned Queen. This was the first time an Acteen had reached this step in the history of the church. Lucy was crowned by her mother, Eva Nell Lambright. Acteens and their leaders presented a program, with a social hour later. Acteen leaders are Cathy Smith and Glenda Smith. WMU director is Pearl Ferrell; pastor is Ken Kirk.



Unity Church, Leakesville, has voted to build a new education building, with eight Sunday School rooms, two nursery rooms, fellowship hall, office, and library. The church has been giving fifth Sunday offerings into the building fund. Construction is to begin probably this month. Members of the building committee are, left to right: Ann Pierce; Phillip Turner; Gavin Breland, chairman of deacons; Danny L. Chaney, pastor; Roland Neal, chairman of the building committee; George Perkins; and Reba Roberts (not pictured).

Old Oak Grove dedicates building

Old Oak Grove Baptist Church, Myrtle (Union County) dedicated its new fellowship hall Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. The day included homecoming, dinner on the ground, and the special service in the afternoon. Bill Mitchell, now of Rawls Springs

First Baptist Church, Pearl will celebrate the Labor Day weekend Sept. 5 with a Labor Day picnic which will include games for children, music, food, a brief worship service, and Christian fellowship. The event will take place under the trees in the church picnic grounds on the south side of the church, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



Acteen Activators from Bolivar Association who represent three churches — First Baptist, Boyle; Yale Street, Cleveland; and Trinity, Rosedale, have returned from a mission trip to Cherokee, N.C., where they worked July 18-23 in the campgrounds as a part of the Baptist Ministries of the 1982 World's Fair. Seated L to R: Linda Melton, Jane Harris, Melissa Haney, Julie Harris. Standing L to R: Donna Fly, Kim Collier, Tina Kitrell, Vivian Fly, Bernice Hawkins, Denise Morgan, Susie Hawkins.

1st, Gautier will celebrate its 40th anniversary

First Baptist Church, Gautier, will celebrate its 40th anniversary, Sept. 19. The theme is "Celebrating 40 Years of God's Blessings." Five of seven former pastors plan to be present. J. Lester Reeves, Paul Kirke, Ernest B. Myers, W. C. Burns, and John G. Brock.

A high attendance goal of 551 has been set for Sunday School. The five

former pastors will speak in opening assemblies of Sunday School departments, at 9:15 a.m.

The auditorium will be decorated with 60 plus yellow mums given in honor and memory of various people. This is being done by the church's Flower committee under direction of Mrs. Libbie Moseley.

Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. J. Lester Reeves, pastor when the church was chartered in 1942, will preach the anniversary sermon. The adult handbell choir under direction of Malcolm Flowers, will present its first performance.

A dinner on the ground will be held in the church's playground area.

The afternoon service, "Lest We Forget . . ." will begin at 1:30, with sharing of past experiences and events. John Brock will speak. A fellowship period will follow. There will be no evening services, according to Billy R. Williams, pastor.

On July 23-24, 28 young people and adults from Palmer Baptist Church took a trip to Nashville. The two-day trip included a tour of the Baptist Sunday School Board, a tour of the Upper Room, recreational time at Centennial Park, and a day at Opryland Amusement Park. The group used facilities of Judson Baptist Church overnight.

Devotional

"Only one life . . ."

By Beverly Tinnin, pastor, First, Meridian

It is hard for me to realize that it's been 40 years since I flew a dive bomber for the Marine Corps. Thirty years have gone by since I graduated from New Orleans Seminary. I have lived in Meridian for more than two decades. My eldest daughter has been married ten years. Life is like this. "Tempus fugit!"

The psalmist discovered this truth 3,000 years ago and penned his feeling toward the fast pace of our lives. "... they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth."

If this be true, and it is, let us give ourselves to that side of life which knows no ending. Let us tend to that nature which is eternal and provide it with those materials which we will have forever. The little couplet tells us,

"Only one life, soon 'tis past,
Only what's done for God will last."

Let us not be so foolish as to confine our efforts to provide for our half century here while impoverishing ourselves for the next ten thousand times ten thousand years. Discerning minds reject this course of action. Gather heaven's treasures, use them wisely, and they will be yours forever.

A second-grade teacher has found the perfect way to make the boys in her class be good; she kisses those who are bad.—Audrey Osofsky

Sixteen muscles make a smile; Seventy-two produce a frown. Save fifty-six between the two. And keep your wrinkles down.

Scrapbook

Where do I go?

Sometime, Lord, life seems hard to bear. Where do I go? To you. Sometime, difficulties, problems, distress come our way. Lord, where do I go? To you. Sometime, I ask myself where I failed—Where do I go, Lord? To you! Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Lord, where there is hatred, let me sow love. Sometime, Lord, we feel like the world is against us. Where do I go, Lord? To you! Lord, help us consecrate the world to you. Lord, where there is despair, hope. Lord, where there is darkness, light. Lord, where do I go? To you! Lord, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; Lord, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, where do I go? To you. Amen.

—Rita Hunt Bude

Tides of time

The tides of time racing Vanishing like the wind Seasons come, seasons go Man's lifespan—one minute, One hour, one day, one year. The waters of life rise and fall as a flood that overwhelms Sinking deeper into distant days. How quickly the waves engulf the arrogant test of time Forever bending until eternity stretching out to feel The mighty hand of God.

—Patricia Lee Greenwood

Customer: One of the claws on this lobster is missing.

Waiter: They fight in the kitchen and sometimes bite each other's claws off.

Customer: Then take this one back and bring me a winner.

Bible Book

Community thanksgiving

By Gene Henderson, pastor, Fairview, Columbus Psalms 67:75

On first glance Psalms 67 and 75 seem to have nothing in common. However, closer examination will reveal not only that both are strongly liturgical in structure but also that each is concerned with thanksgiving to God for the blessings that accompany his presence. Psalm 67 contains a refrain in verses 3 and 5 that probably was voiced by the congregation to affirm the declarations by the priest. The congregation perhaps voiced verses 1, 9, 10 in Psalm 75 with two different individuals portraying the part of God and the priest in verses 2-3 and 4-8 respectively.

In corporate worship, thanksgiving was expressed to God, not only for his blessings upon Israel, but the blessings that were common to all men. Consequently, "all peoples" were summoned to join in praise to God. God's provision and protection which derive from his presence are enjoyed to some degree by the righteous and unrighteous alike.

I. God's presence (67:1-2, 75:1)

Common to both Psalms is a strong emphasis upon God's presence. A striking similarity can be seen by comparing Psalm 67:1 with Numbers 6:24-26. Both passages suggest that where God is, there also is to be found abundant provision. Such provision may be produce (67:6) or salvation (67:2). The writer of Psalm 75 also was keenly aware of the presence or nearness of God (75:1). Victory or deliverance in a decisive event (75:2) probably created an awareness of God's presence. Therefore, the writers of both Psalms exhorted the community to offer thanks for God's continuing presence and blessings.

II. God's provision (67:3-7)

Some harvest setting is associated with this Psalm by most commentators. Perhaps it was a part of the liturgy at one of the harvest feasts, Pentecost or Booths. Reference in verse 6 to the earth having yielded its produce would seem to confirm this. However, the blessing of a good crop is but one manifestation of the abundant provision of God.

The psalmist also noted God's righteous judgment and guidance upon the earth. God was regarded as the governor and guide of all the people upon the earth and not just Israel, his chosen people. "Judge" does not mean "punish" here, but "govern." "Guide" suggests the idea of a shepherd-like concern. God cares for all. He causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust (Mt. 5:45).

God's blessings generally, and upon Israel particularly, should lead all nations to reverence and salvation and also to join in praise to God. Note the results in 67:2, 7 of God's blessing: "thou salvation among all nations" and "all the ends of the earth may fear him." As with Abraham, those whom God blesses should become a means of blessing to others (Gen. 12:2).

The refrain in 67:3, 5 confirms the truth that ultimately every tongue will confess God as Lord (Phil. 2:9-11). The refrain may be a prayer, but the grammar will allow it also to be rendered "the people shall give thanks." Regardless of translation, the congregational response of Israel anticipated universal praise.

III. God's protection (75:2-10)

Some recent manifestation of God's power in behalf of Israel seems to have precipitated this Psalm. God's "wondrous work" was declared by men who associated the event unmistakably with the presence of God. Seemingly allusions between this Psalm and Isaiah (cf. Is. 30:27 ff.) suggest the deliverance of Israel from Sennacherib as a possible setting.

God's recent deliverance reminded the psalmist that God is the ultimate judge who has set the limit on men and nations. Judgment belongs to God. He executes it with equity. God is to be praised for his fair judgment. The boastful and wicked may rebel and try to defy God through insolent pride (75:4-5) but their strength ("horn") will be cut off (75:10). They will be forced to drink the full cup of God's judgment (75:8). The righteous can rejoice and give thanks to God for his judgment that will recompense the wicked and reward the righteous (75:9-10).

What would happen if God were to release control of the world? The psalmist recognized the earth already "totters." Amidst the terror and confusion of today's world, all men should thank God that he has established and sustains the foundation of the world (75:3). This is a "common grace" shared by the total race.

Mankind of every race shares many common blessings. Therefore all can and should share in community thanksgiving.

Revival Dates

Thorn Hill (Rankin): Sept. 5-10; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Harry Gipson, Pearl, evangelist; Keith Harp, music director; Guy Gray, interim pastor.

Uniform

God creates persons

By Charles S. Davis
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Genesis 2:4b-25

A little boy came in from a hard day's playing and asked his mother, "Mom, where did I come from?" The mother, having anticipated that such a question would inevitably come some day, sat her small son down and gave him a long and rather detailed lecture on "the birds and the bees." When she had finished her biological treatise, the mother said, "Son, I'm glad you asked the question, but why did you happen to choose today to ask where you came from?" Whereupon the innocent young boy replied, "Well, I've been playing with a new boy who just moved in next door and he said he came from Houston, Texas."

The little boy's question reflects the broader and more deeply felt question that stirs the consciousness of humanity: "Where did mankind come from?" The early chapters of Genesis answer that ultimate question in words of matchless beauty told by a master story teller.

There is no need to see Genesis and scientific theories as being in conflict with one another. The major concerns of Genesis are different from those of scientific research. Science seeks answers to such questions as What? How? and When? Genesis presents answers to the even more profound questions of Who? and Why?

Genesis was written as witness to the fact that it is God, in his creative and redemptive love, who has made us—and we are his. The discoveries of scientists and theologians ought to supplement rather than contradict one another. In the search for truth, we need both faith and science. For as Clyde Francisco suggested, "without science, religion may become superstition. Without faith, science becomes crass materialism."

Chapter 1 presents man as the climactic product of God's creative work. Chapter 2 teaches that man is the chief of all created things by placing his creation first. Both chapters tell us that God gave to man a responsible, moral dominion over the rest of creation.

In the wonderfully poetic words, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground," the writer expresses a profound biblical insight, namely, the fact of man's creatureliness. God forms man of the dust as a potter molds clay.

But in the words "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," the author asserts that life comes from God, that God is the source of life. It is by a miracle that God breathes life into dust; modern science has done nothing to

diminish the mystery of life or to suggest for it any other source than God. The bestowal of the divine breath upon man is the equivalent of man's being created in the "image of God" (Genesis 1:27). Both expressions are descriptions of God's unique creative acts; for the Bible does not say that God breathed his breath into the animals, nor did he create them in his image.

God who spoke the universe into existence by his power placed man in Eden by an act of his grace. The bountiful environment, including the "tree of life," testifies to the fact that God wants man's life to be one of abundant happiness. However, God forbade man's partaking of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." What did that prohibition mean?

My own interpretation is that what was forbidden to man was the "knowledge of everything," i.e., omniscience. The knowledge of everything is a prerogative which belongs only to God. When man forgets that he is the creature and God is the Creator and tries to "play God" or be his own god, he is in trouble. It is the ultimate in pride and the essence of sin (Genesis 3) when man refuses to relate to the only God that there is and tries to be his own god.

God, who had thus far expressed satisfaction with his creative work, said that it was "not good" for man to be alone. Man needed a companion! The word "helpmeet" (Genesis 2:18, KJV) does not indicate a kind of "first mate with man as the skipper" but one equally responsible—one with whom man could enter into responsible relations. John R. Sampey, former president of Southern Seminary, suggested this when he said that woman was "not made out of his head to rule over him; nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him; but out of his side, to be equal with him; under his arm to be protected; and near his heart to be beloved."

Charles Graham sums up well the right relationship between God and the persons he created: "With gracious regard for the highest measure of human well-being, God established the institutions of marriage and the home. We can be confident that, when we make the Designer of the home the Lord of our homes, he will enrich every relationship within them."

Bangkok Thailand—Southern Baptist prison ministries in several Thai cities have yielded more than 175 conversions to Christianity and established a number of monthly Bible studies.

Life and Work

Rahab — faith that acts

By David McCubbin, associate pastor, First, Meridian
Joshua 2:1-21; 6:15-25; Matt. 1:5; Hebrews 11:30-31; James 2:25-26

Among the heroes of faith the author of Hebrews calls by name is one Rahab, a prostitute of the city of Jericho during the period of the conquest. Moses died and Joshua became God's man to lead the children of Israel in their conquest of Canaan. He was given instructions to cross the Jordan and take the land fearlessly. He was given the promise that the Lord God would go with him whithersoever he went.

The first obstacle in the conquest, beyond crossing the Jordan, was the fortified city of Jericho. Something had to be done about this stronghold before the Israelites could penetrate deeper into Canaan. The story of the fall of Jericho is very familiar to the majority of us. From the material about the preparation for the battle at Jericho comes the story of Rahab and the help she offered the two spies sent by Joshua.

Rahab makes a decision of faith (Joshua 2:1-2) Two spies were sent from the ranks of Israel to investigate enemy territory especially Jericho. Coming to the city they entered within its gates and perhaps because it would be one of the least conspicuous places for strangers they went to the house of Rahab the harlot. The safety of such a move perhaps lay in its proximity to the gate—her house was on the town wall—and that it was a common sight to see strangers entering there.

This ploy didn't work. Someone suspected their connections and passed the word to the king of Jericho. When the authorities came to Rahab's door demanding that she bring the men out, Rahab hid the spies and sent the authorities away saying, "Yes, there were men here. I didn't know they were Israelite spies. They left and went that way a short time ago. If you hurry you can catch them." When the coast was clear she enabled the spies to get out of town safely with an agreement that, when Israel conquered, she and her family would be spared.

Now, why did Rahab side with the spies against her own people? Survival! But more, she had come to the conviction that the God of the Israelites worshiped was the one true God, "... for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11b). Rahab had heard about the Red Sea crossing and about victories of Israel against her enemies and had concluded that Israel's God was real. Rather than tremble in fear as others were doing she decided to

cast her lot with Israel and her God.

The moment of decision came when the authorities demanded that the spies be brought forth. She hid the spies based on her choice to believe that Israel's God was able to sustain Israel and deliver her and her family. The die was cast.

Faith acts. Faith is more than a decision to believe a certain way. Very often it calls upon us to act on the basis of that belief. Rahab hid the spies and sent their pursuers off in another direction. She asked the spies for protection and asylum when Israel with the help of her God captured the city. The book of Hebrews commends Rahab's faith (11:31) calling attention to the fact that she was spared because of her choice. The book of James gives us a little sharper focus. Her faith is seen in the actions she took to save the spies (James 2:25). Faith acts.

This is the day of the spectator. There have always been crowds in the stands watching sporting contests or gathered for a dramatic or musical presentation. But with television, satellites and cable, millions more sit and watch. Does this have any influence upon the way we worship and the practice of faith? Are we looking now for more entertainment from the religious sector of our lives?

Faith calls for action. To trust God is much more than passively accepting what comes to be his will. Faith goes beyond this to committing ourselves to actions that advance God's kingdom. Christianity would advance by leaps and bounds if the often heard phrase "I just can't do that" would change to "I will, with God's help." Faith acts.

Bucharest, Romania (EP)—The Romanian government has granted building permits for projects and renovations for seven Baptist churches, informed sources report to East/West News Service. Many buildings, including churches, were damaged or destroyed in the major earthquake in Romania five years ago. Since then 40 churches have been replaced or repaired.

"Drunk drivers cost the nation more than \$24 billion a year in economic losses, an insurance representative told a House subcommittee. . . Eugene J. Meyung, executive vice president of Government Employees Insurance Co., said state, local and federal governments pay some losses not covered by private insurers. A bill before the House would authorize a \$125 million, three-year program for states which adopt effective programs to fight drunken driving."—(THE TENNESSEAN, 4/30/82)